

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 615
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Powers, O.D. and Dorothy T. Powers on the occasion of their retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Paul Powers, O.D. and Dorothy Powers are two such exemplary individuals, having both worked to the benefit of the Clinton community for nearly 45 years; and

WHEREAS, after attending Cumberland College and Lincoln Memorial University, Paul Powers graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in June of 1959 with a Doctor of Optometry degree; and

WHEREAS, a few months later, Dr. Powers began a private optometric practice in Clinton, where he practiced for more than 44 years before taking his well-earned retirement on March 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, an ardent patriot and servant to our country, Dr. Powers spent nearly four years in the United States Navy, receiving an honorable discharge in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers is an active and important part of his community and profession, participating in numerous civic and professional organizations for the entire length of his

estimable career, including the American Optometric Association, the Tennessee Optometric Association, and the East Tennessee Optometric Association; in addition, he served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Optometric Association and served as President of the East Tennessee Optometric Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers' wife, Dorothy Powers, worked diligently as a receptionist for her husband for almost 45 years; and

WHEREAS, after attending Cumberland College, Mrs. Powers went to work for Southern Bell as a Telephone Operator before joining her husband in his private practice; and

WHEREAS, their many professional and personal achievements aside, Dr. and Mrs. Powers are most grateful for the love and companionship they share with each other, their son, Timothy Powers, M.D., daughter-in-law, Billy Von Powers, and grandchildren, John Paul and Grace Kathryne Lee Powers; and

WHEREAS, couples such as the Powers who keep their livelihood within the family represent the idyllic essence of Tennessee family values and work ethics; and

WHEREAS, throughout their estimable careers, the Powers have demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of their friends and colleagues alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Paul and Mrs. Dorothy Powers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.